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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 10, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 19, 20 and 36 are in the application, with Claims 3, 5 to 8, 10 to 18, 21, 23 to 26, 28 to 35 and 37 to 39 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 19 and 36 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 38 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the features of Claim 3, and has amended Claims 19 to incorporate the features of Claim 21. Claims 3 and 21 have been cancelled. Applicant has also amended Claim 36 to incorporate the features of Claim 21. Consequently, independent Claims 1, 19 and 36 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 1, 2, 19, 20, 36 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,822,003 (Girod). Claim 38 has been cancelled. Claims 2 and 20 depend from independent Claims 1 and 19, respectively. Therefore, Claims 2 and 20 are believed to be allowable.

The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to

obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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